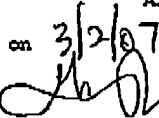


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PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

Sir:

An Office Action in the above-identified application was mailed on August 10, 2006. Therefore a response was due, with a three month extension, by February 10, 2007. On or about February 16, 2007, Examiner Sorkin called to inquire as to whether a response was filed. Applicants have been unable to find any indication that a response was filed, so the application appears to be abandoned. The abandonment is also now reflected in the Public Pair System.

Abandonment of the application was unintentional and so Applicants respectfully request that the application be revived. The undersigned attorney, who is responsible for responding to the Office Action, was unaware that a response date had been missed until after Examiner Sorkin called and, since speaking with Examiner Sorkin, has diligently worked to investigate the situation and to prepare this petition and a reply.

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Therefore, the entire delay in filing the required reply was unintentional. A reply to the Final Rejection, including a Notice of Appeal, accompanies this petition.

Please charge the \$1,500.00 petition fee to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,



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